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### **How have you navigated disruptions in your industry to remain a top professional?**

I have always listened to all sides and urged participants to listen and discern common areas of agreement. I have also negotiated give-and-take decisions and emphasized common goals, as well as the best outcomes for all people affected by ultimate decisions.

### **What are two key behaviors/personality traits that allow you to be effective in your role?**

Patience and creativity.

### **How do you feel your industry has changed/evolved over time?**

Education has become negatively affected by political and economic viewpoints. As a result, students do not learn effective reading, writing, or communication skills, and do not gain knowledge of history, art, culture and philosophy, which are the roots of human life and their own culture.

### **What new innovations or technologies do you feel will shape the future of your industry?**

I'm afraid that technologies like cell phones, tablets, social media and television will keep students from learning all the different ways to observe, distinguish among choices, and develop both critically and creatively.

### **What excites you the most about your industry?**

The possibilities that education has to change society, culture and clients for the better through thoughtful, fact-based, non-partisan thinking and activism.



## DANIEL E. JOLLY, DDS

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### **How have you navigated disruptions in your industry to remain a top professional?**

By paying attention to the market and patients' needs. Also, by keeping an eye on concerns and addressing those issues. It's important to remain flexible and determined, be innovative and work hard.

### **What is the most important issue or challenge you are dealing with in your industry right now?**

Broadly speaking, access to care. Whether we're considering insurance coverage, provider availability, or geographic financial, medical and physical barriers, especially for people with special needs. When it comes to dentistry, however, treatment is more elective. When a person goes to the ER, they are treated and worry about financial consequences. That's not really the case in dentistry.

### **What new innovations or technologies do you feel will shape the future of your industry?**

I think that implants have changed the face of dentistry over the last several decades, and they are becoming increasingly important. Also, we have to consider the science of disease prevention, specifically regarding decay, gum disease and cancer. Finding more ways to prevent these diseases through the implementation of drugs, topical systems or immunological approaches is very important. What we're really talking about is the technology of disease prevention.